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SUBJECT: LOS: GROUP OF FIVE AND GROUP OF 17 MEETINGS

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1. UK EMBOFF GLOVER CALLED ON AMB JOHN NORTON MOORE TO DELIV-
ER LETTER FROM LANCHIN, UNDER SECRETARY AND HEAD OF SHIPPING
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POLICY DIVISION, UK DEPT OF TRADE. LANCHIN IS SUCCESSOR OF
STEELE. GLOVER ASKED FOR US SUPPORT FOR UK TO RETAIN CHAIR-
MANSHIP OF GROUP OF 17 WITH LANCHIN AS CHAIRMAN. LANCHIN
LETTER PROPOSES THAT GROUP OF 17 MEETING CONCENTRATE ON VES-

SEL SOURCE POLLUTION AND THAT GROUP SHOULD IDENTIFY THOSE PARTS OF SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT WHICH BROADLY REFLECT UNDERSTANDING ALREADY REACHED AT PREVIOUS GROUP MEETING. LANCHIN INDICATED HE WOULD TRY TO DISTRIBUTE AT MEETING A NOTE REFLECTING OVERALL POSITION. LANCHIN PROPOSES THAT GROUP CONCENTRATE ON AREAS WHERE MAJOR CHANGES ARE NEEDED AND DEAL WITH PRINCIPLES RATHER THAN PRECISE DRAFTING CHANGES. HE WOULD THEN PREPARE SUMMARY OF GROUP POSITION FOR USE IN EVENSEN MEETING- LANCHIN ALSO SUGGESTED THAT GROUP SHOULD CONSIDER ITS FUTURE ACTIVITY INCLUDING POSSIBLE DIALOGUE BETWEEN GROUP OF 17 AND GROUP OF 77 LATER IN YEAR. FINALLY LANCHIN INDICATED EEC COMMISSION HAD ASKED TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN OBSERVER IN GROUP OF 17 AND THAT HE HAD UNDERTAKEN TO SEEK AGREEMENT OF ALL MEMBERS TO SUCH OBSERVER STATUS.

2. MOORE EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH NEED FOR COORDINATION IN GROUP OF 17 AND MADE CLEAR WE WOULD SUPPORT UK CHAIRMANSHIP PROVIDED THERE IS ADVANCE COORDINATION. NOTING LACK OF COORDINATION IN SOME CASES IN PAST, MOORE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT UK HAD NOT CONSULTED WITH U.S. PRIOR TO CIRCULATION OF LETTER ON GROUP OF 17 ACTIVITIES AND URGED THAT GROUP OF 17 BE GENUINE JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN US AND UK. MOORE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF WORKING TOGETHER ON SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT.

3. MOORE EMPHASIZED NEED FOR CONSULTATION BETWEEN U.S. AND UK REPS PRIOR TO GROUP OF 17 MEETING AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT LEITZELL COULD MEET WITH UK OFFICIALS. MOORE EXPRESSED DISSAPPOINTMENT AT DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING GROUP OF FIVE MEETING PRIOR TO GROUP OF 17 WHICH, IN U.S. VIEW, WOULD BE DESIRABLE. HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT IF THIS SCHEDULE IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR UK, U.S. WOULD BE WILLING TO COORDINATE COMMON POSITION ON AMENDMENTS TO SINGLE TEXT ON POLLUTION ISSUES IN GROUP OF 17 RECOGNIZING THAT THERE MAY WELL NOT BE FULL AGREEMENT ON ALL POINTS. MOORE STATED THAT IN U.S. VIEWS THERE WOULD IN ANY CASE NEED TO BE A MEETING OF GROUP OF FIVE ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

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TRANSFER AND WE WOULD AGREE TO UK PROPOSAL THAT MEETING BE HELD OVER WEEKEND OF AUGUST 23-24.

4. MOORE STATED THAT U.S. WAS COMPLETING ITS REVIEW OF NECESSARY AMENDMENTS ON MARINE POLLUTION AND SUGGESTED THAT IF THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL COORDINATION OF AMENDMENTS PRIOR TO GROUP OF 17 MEETING, UK, AS CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF 17, CIRCULATE U.S. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MEMBERS OF GROUP. MOORE ALSO STATED THAT U.S. DEL MIGHT TRY TO MEET BILATERALLY WITH OTHER DELS IN GENEVA TO COORDINATE POSITIONS ON AMENDMENTS.

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